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# MONSTER OF THE MIST



DR. JOHN MORNAY  
HAD A SCIENTIST'S  
DISREGARD FOR THE LIVES AND FEELINGS AND RIGHTS OF COMMON PEOPLE  
WHEN HE WAS ON THE FEVERISH TRAIL OF SOME NEW DISCOVERY! SO HE  
FOUGHT DOWN THE URGE TO DESTROY THE AWFUL CREATURE HE HAD FOUND  
--UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE TO HALT THE BLOOD-MAD MONSTER THAT MAY  
EVEN AS YOU READ THIS, BE LURKING NEAR YOUR CITY, WAITING FOR THE  
NEXT FOG TO ROLL IN FROM THE SEA!



DR JOHN MORNAY THE FAMOUS MARINE BIOLOGIST, IS OUT FOR A DAY'S SPECIMEN-GATHERING WITH HIS DAUGHTER, BETH AND HIS ASSISTANT, BETH'S FIANCEE, YOUNG PROFESSOR DICK LOGAN!

DON'T DROP THE LUNCH BASKETS INTO THE WATER, DICK!

LUNCH BASKETS? IS THIS A PICNIC OR A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION?



NO REASON WHY IT CAN'T BE BOTH, SIR! EVEN MARINE BIOLOGISTS HAVE TO EAT ONCE IN A WHILE!

NOT WHEN FOOD INTERRUPTS RESEARCH! BUT I SUPPOSE, RICHARD, YOU TWO LOVE-BIRDS MUST BE GRANTED SOME PRIVILEGES!



UNDER THE DRIVING ENERGY OF DR. MORNAY, THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR ANY RELAXATION!

PLANKTON FROM 800 FEET, WEST SIDE OF LOCARNO REEF! GOT THAT?

THE LABEL'S ALL TYPED, DAD! NOW HOW ABOUT A BREAK FOR LUNCH? I'M STARVED!



YOU TWO START YOUR LUNCH! I WANT TO SEE IF I CAN CAPTURE THAT SHARK THAT'S BEEN FOLLOWING US! HE LOOKS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN!



HE TOOK IT!



WOW! HE MUST BE AT LEAST 20 FEET LONG, DAD!

CLOSER TO 22 FEET, BETH! PLEASE ESTIMATE MORE ACCURATELY AS I'VE TRIED TO TEACH YOU!



WITHOUT WARNING...

EEEEK! TH-THAT THING! WH-WHAT IS IT?

A SEA-MONSTER! -- BIG ENOUGH TO GULP THAT SHARK AND UNLIKE ANYTHING I EVER HEARD OF!





SUDDENLY THE MONSTER'S ATTENTION IS CAUGHT BY THE DRIFTING BOAT!

EEEK! IT'S COMING AT US!

BETH! DR. MORNAY! GET INSIDE, QUICKLY!

AND MISS THIS PRICELESS SHOT? DON'T BE AN IDIOT!

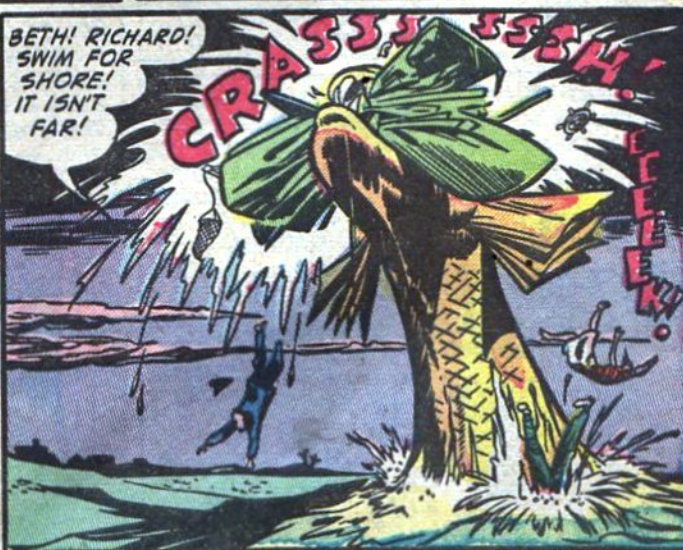


THE HIGH-POWERED RIFLE BULLETS SEEMED ONLY TO STING AND IRRITATE THE AWESOME MONSTER!

BETH! RICHARD! SWIM FOR SHORE! IT ISN'T FAR!

EEEA!

BETH!



IN THE TURMOIL OF TERROR, BETH FAINTED! FOR DICK THERE WAS NO SUCH EASY FLIGHT FROM THE HORROR OF REALITY!

OOOH, DICK! W-WHERE IS DAD? THAT MONSTER..?

HE'S TRYING TO REACH SHORE, DEAR! THE MONSTER IS CHASING HIM!

THEY SAW THE GREAT HEAD REAR ABOVE THE SWIMMING FIGURE, THEN FLASH DOWN AND OUT OF SIGHT!

SWIM ASHORE! SWIM FOR YOUR LIFE! SOMEONE MUST SURVIVE TO REPORT THIS TO SCIENCE!

I CAN'T LEAVE BETH! SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS!

OH, DAD, DAD! HE... HE'S GONE, DICK!

EASY, HONEY! WE COULDN'T HELP HIM! MAYBE IF WE KEEP STILL AND DRIFT IN WITH THE TIDE, IT WON'T FIND US!



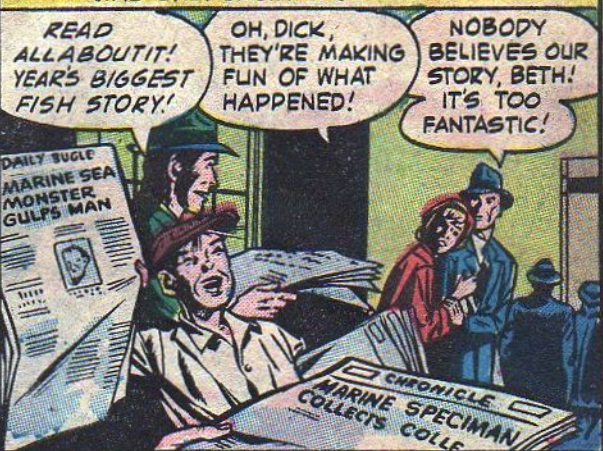


THE MONSTER DID NOT REAPPEAR! THE SLOW TIDE FINALLY PUSHED THE EXHAUSTED SURVIVORS ASHORE LATE AT NIGHT!



HANG ONTO ME DEAR! I SEE A LIGHT UP THERE WHERE WE CAN GET HELP!

THEY FOUND REFUGE AND A RIDE BACK TO THE CITY-- BUT FOR BETH AND DICK THE NIGHTMARE WAS ONLY BEGINNING!



READ ALL ABOUT IT! YEAR'S BIGGEST FISH STORY!

OH, DICK, THEY'RE MAKING FUN OF WHAT HAPPENED!

NOBODY BELIEVES OUR STORY, BETH! IT'S TOO FANTASTIC!

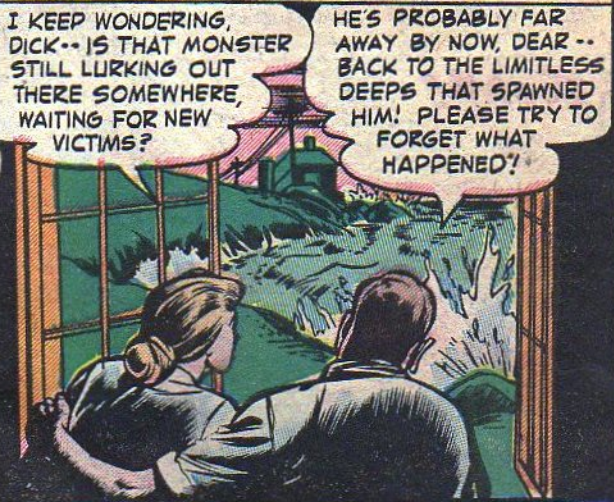
EVEN AT RACKLIN COLLEGE, WHERE THEY HAD BOTH WORKED UNDER DR. MORNAY...



WE WANT YOU TO CARRY ON DR. MORNAY'S WORK, OF COURSE -- BUT THIS FANTASTIC SEA SERPENT STORY IS MAKING US A LAUGHING STOCK!

I PROMISE YOU, SIR, WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO STOP IT! IT ISN'T A MEMORY WE CARE TO NOURISH! WE WANT TO FORGET!

BUT AS THE DAYS CREEPT INTO WEEKS...



I KEEP WONDERING, DICK-- IS THAT MONSTER STILL LURKING OUT THERE SOMEWHERE, WAITING FOR NEW VICTIMS?

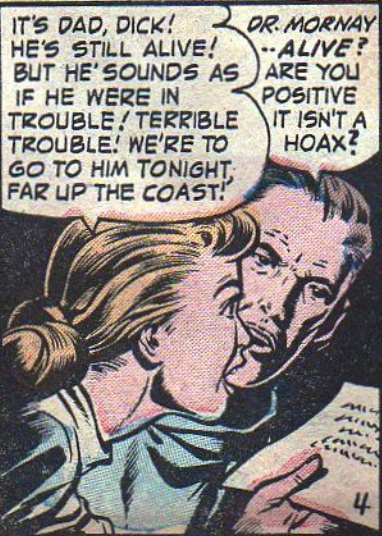
HE'S PROBABLY FAR AWAY BY NOW, DEAR -- BACK TO THE LIMITLESS DEEPS THAT SPAWNED HIM! PLEASE TRY TO FORGET WHAT HAPPENED!

AND THEN, ONE NIGHT AS THEY WORKED LATE, THE TELEPHONE RANG!



DAD! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE! BUT HOW... WHERE...? Y-YES.. I UNDERSTAND.. YES.. ALL RIGHT! WE'LL BE THERE!

BETH, WHAT IS IT? WHO..?



IT'S DAD, DICK! HE'S STILL ALIVE! BUT HE SOUNDS AS IF HE WERE IN TROUBLE! TERRIBLE TROUBLE! WE'RE TO GO TO HIM TONIGHT, FAR UP THE COAST!

DR. MORNAY -- ALIVE? ARE YOU POSITIVE IT ISN'T A HOAX?



POSITIVE, DICK! PLEASE HURRY! HERE'S THE LIST OF SUPPLIES DAD BEGGED US TO BRING! HE SAYS LIFE DEPENDS UPON THEM!

AWRRRK! A DOZEN STICKS OF DYNAMITE, 200 FEET OF COPPER WIRE, AN ELECTRIC DETONATOR-- THIS IS INSANE, BETH! IT'S SOME GRISLY JOKE!



AN HOUR LATER...

UGH, WHAT A BLEAK AND SINISTER COUNTRY-SIDE! I HOPE THIS IS AS URGENT AS YOU SAY!

IT IS, DICK! DAD SOUNDED TERRIFIED, AND HE MADE ME PROMISE NOT TO LET ANYONE ELSE KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING OR THAT HE'S ALIVE!



SUDDENLY...

EEK!

HOLD UP, THERE! WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU! WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS?



I DON'T SEE THAT IT CONCERNS YOU, BUT WE'RE MARINE BIOLOGISTS! WE'RE--ER-- HEADED UP THE COAST FOR SOME RESEARCH!

LET'S SEE YOUR IDENTIFICATION! THERE'S A LUNATIC RUNNING WILD UP HERE, SLAUGHTERING OUR VALUABLE SHEEP AND WE AIM TO STOP HIM!

SLAUGHTERING SHEEP? IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF WILD BEAST!

A TWO-LEGGED BEAST! WE'VE SEEN HIM TWICE AND LOST HIM AMONG THE ROCKS! NEXT TIME WE'RE SHOOTING TO KILL! I'VE LOST 9 PRIME EWES THIS WEEK!

BETTER WATCH YOURSELVES, FOLKS! ONLY A LUNATIC WOULD SLASH A SHEEP IN A DOZEN PLACES AND THEN LUG OFF THE BLEEDING CARCASS!

WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES OPEN! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, NEARER THE COAST...

EEK! DICK-- IT'S-- IT'S DAD!

BETH! RICHARD! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE! QUICK...



IT WAS HARD TO RECOGNIZE THE FASTIDIOUS DR. MORNAY IN THE WILD-EYED, HAGGARD CREATURE! THEN...

DR. MORNAY, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S YOU! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE..?

NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS, NOW! HELP ME LOAD THIS SHEEP INTO YOUR CAR TRUNK, QUICKLY!

SHEEP?





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Y-YOU..YOU'RE THE ONE WHO IS SLAUGHTERING SHEEP? BUT WHY?

TO PREVENT A FAR MORE TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER! DRIVE FASTER, RICHARD! IF THE FOG COMES IN BEFORE WE'RE READY, WE MAY ALL BE DOOMED!



"THAT DAY THE MONSTER DESTROYED OUR BOAT," DR. MORNAY, EXPLAINED, "IT FOLLOWED ME AS I SWAM ASHORE! BUT QUEERLY, IT DID NOT ATTACK!"

IT..IT COULD SWALLOW ME AT A GULP, BUT ALL IT DOES IS BUMP ME WITH ITS NOSE! IT ACTUALLY PUSHED ME ASHORE!



"I COULD THINK OF NOTHING BUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CREATURE TO SCIENCE! SOMEHOW I HAD TO LURE IT CLOSER, TO EXAMINE IT MORE THOROUGHLY."

IT SEEMS TO WANT TO STAY IN THE BAY! IF I COULD FIND SOME KIND OF BAIT THAT WOULD ATTRACT IT I MIGHT GET A LOOK AT ITS WHOLE BODY!



THERE WAS A FLOCK OF SHEEP CLOSE BY! I RAN AND GRABBED ONE! NOTHING MATTERED BUT TO STUDY THE MONSTER AT CLOSER HAND

"AGAIN IT REFUSED TO SWALLOW LIVING FLESH! THEN I GLIMPSED ITS ENORMOUS BODY -- AND SUDDENLY I GUESSED THE TRUTH!"

MAYBE I CAN KEEP IT HERE BY FEEDING IT! I'VE GOT TO SEE ITS BODY! IF IT WILL SWALLOW THIS SHEEP!

BAAAA!  
BAAAAA!

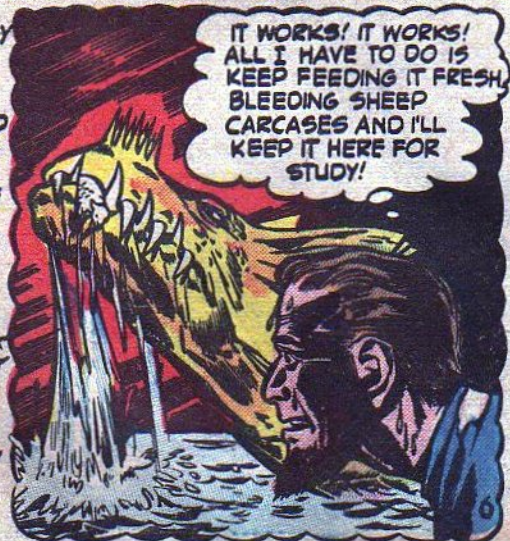


IT FEEDS ON FISH! IT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME OR THE SHEEP AS FOOD! WE DON'T SMELL LIKE ITS FAMILIAR PREY! MAYBE IT WILL RECOGNIZE THE SCENT OF BLOOD!



"FEVERISHLY I CUT THE SHEEP'S THROAT AND TOSSED IT BACK INTO THE BAY! MY GUESS HAD BEEN RIGHT! IT STRUCK INSTANTLY AT THE WELLING BLOOD!"

IT WORKS! IT WORKS! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP FEEDING IT FRESH BLEEDING SHEEP CARCASSES AND I'LL KEEP IT HERE FOR STUDY!



"TIME MEANT NOTHING TO ME! DAY AND NIGHT I STUDIED MY MONSTER, AFRAID TO LEAVE FOR MORE THAN THE TIME IT TOOK TO KILL ANOTHER SHEEP!"

I TELL YOU, I SAW THE DIRTY SHEEP-KILLER. RUN THIS WAY, SAM! IF I SEE HIM, I'LL BLOW HIS CRAZY HEAD OFF!

I CAN'T EXPLAIN TO THEM! IT DOESN'T MATTER! NOTHING MATTERS BUT MY REPORT TO SCIENCE! I MUST GET BACK...





"THAT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST--THE NIGHT WHEN I FIRST REALIZED THE HORROR I HAD UNWITTINGLY SET LOOSE ON THE WORLD!"

"SUDDENLY IT STRUCK AGAIN, GOBBLING UP A DOZEN LIVE SHEEP! ITS DIM BRAIN KNEW AT LAST THAT FLESH WAS FOOD, ALIVE OR DEAD!"

EEEEAAHH! THE MONSTER--IT CAME OUT OF THE WATER AND FOLLOWED ME HERE! IT HAS SENSED WHERE ITS FOOD COMES FROM!

WHAT HAVE I DONE? DEAR HEAVEN, I'VE TAUGHT IT TO KILL! WHAT IF I CAN'T FIND SHEEP? WILL IT TRY OTHER ANIMALS--OR HUMAN BEINGS?

HOW GHASTLY! BUT.. BUT HOW CAN IT LIVE OUT OF THE WATER? IT HAS GILLS, LIKE A FISH!

ITS GILLS ARE SO HUGE THEY CAN KEEP IT ALIVE ON THE MOISTURE OF FOGS! IT ONLY COMES OUT OF WATER WHEN THE FOGS ROLL IN!

SEE? THE FOG WILL BE HERE IN A FEW MINUTES! TURN THE CAR QUICKLY SO YOU CAN FLEE! THEN WE MUST WORK SWIFTLY!

I BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, DR. MORNAY! YOU PLAN TO DESTROY THE MONSTER BY LOADING A SHEEP CARCASE WITH DYNAMITE!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY! I MUST ROB SCIENCE TO SAVE HUMANITY! THINK OF THE HORROR IF THAT MONSTER BEGINS RAIDING CITIES!

HURRY! THE MONSTER WILL BE LURKING JUST OUT THERE, SMELLING THE BLOOD FROM THE SHEEP! I'LL CONNECT THE WIRES!

QUICKLY! THE FIRST TENDRILS OF FOG ARE ALREADY DRIFTING IN! I'M SO FRIGHTENED!

THEY WERE SO INTENT ON THE FRIGHTFUL MENACE FROM THE SEA THAT THE MENACE FROM BEHIND WAS UPON THEM, UNNOTICED! SUDDENLY..

THERE'S THE DIRTY SHEEP-KILLER! GET HIM!

EEK! NO! DAD!

AGHHH!



# WEB OF EVIL



YOU FOOLS!  
YOU BLIND  
MURDERING  
FOOLS! YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU'VE  
DONE!..

GRAWWK! HEY,  
HEY-- WHAT  
KINDA CRAZY  
BUSINESS  
IS THIS?

**RUN!**  
**RUN FOR**  
**YOUR LIVES!**  
**DR. MORNAY IS**  
**BLEEDING!**  
**THE MONSTER**  
**MAY SCENT IT..**



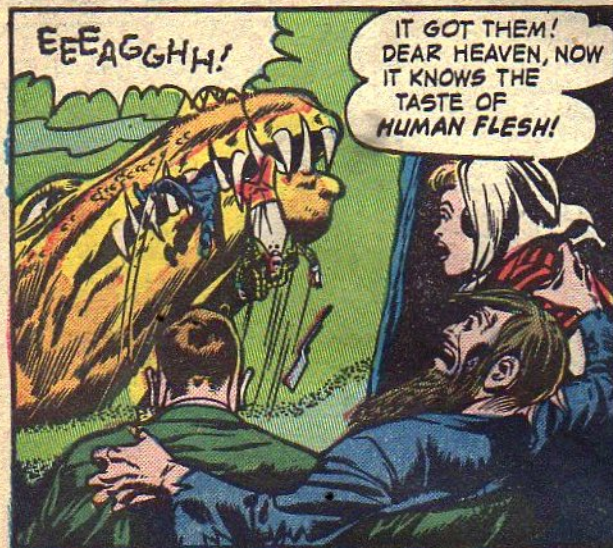
**RUN!**  
**RUN!**

**AND THEN THEY SAW IT,**  
**SAW THE HORRIBLE IN-**  
**CREDIBLE SHAPE LOOM-**  
**ING OUT OF THE SEA**  
**AND THE FOG!**



IT CAN'T REACH  
US AMONG  
THESE HIGH  
ROCKS! NO!  
**DON'T SHOOT**  
**AT IT!**  
**RUN!..!**

YI-II-I!



EEAGGHH!

IT GOT THEM!  
DEAR HEAVEN, NOW  
IT KNOWS THE  
TASTE OF  
**HUMAN FLESH!**

WITH THE  
TASTE OF  
HUMAN  
FLESH,  
THE  
MONSTER  
SWUNG FROM  
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CARCASE TOWARD  
THIS  
NEW,  
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SCENT!



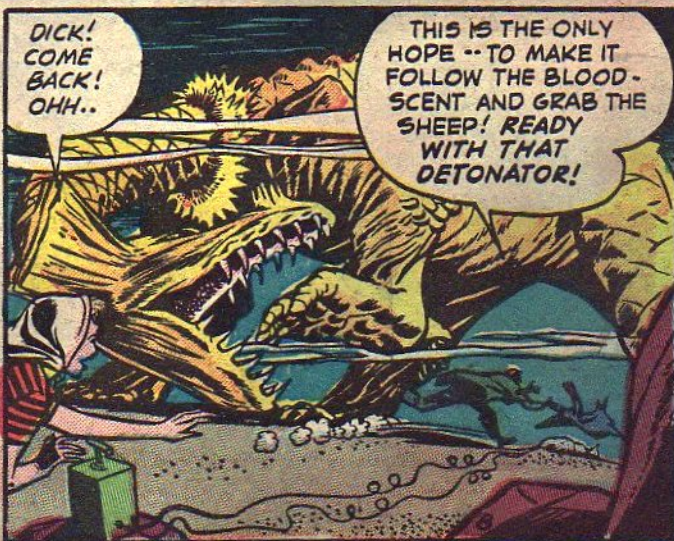
IT SMELLS HUMAN  
BLOOD! DICK,  
DICK, IT'S PUSHING  
THOSE ROCKS  
ASIDE LIKE  
PEBBLES! IT'S  
AFTER US!

THERE'S ONLY  
ONE HOPE!  
GET DR. MORN-  
AY'S JACKET  
OFF -- QUICK!



WHAT.. WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
D-DO?

IF I CAN'T LURE HIM INTO  
SEIZING THAT SHEEP  
CARCASE, WE'RE  
DOOMED -- AND SO  
ARE THOUSANDS  
OF OTHERS!



DICK!  
COME  
BACK!  
OHH..

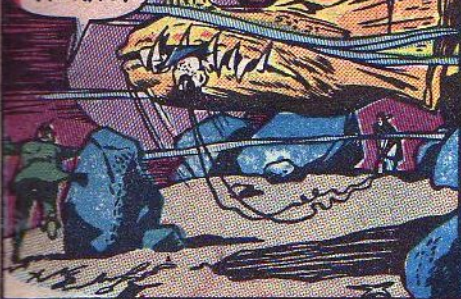
THIS IS THE ONLY  
HOPE -- TO MAKE IT  
FOLLOW THE BLOOD-  
SCENT AND GRAB THE  
SHEEP! READY  
WITH THAT  
DETONATOR!



THE WILD, CRAZY GAMBLE HAS SUCCEEDED! FOLLOWING THE REEK OF HUMAN BLOOD, THE MONSTER SEIZED JACKET AND CARCASE!

NOW! PRESS THE PLUNGER, BETH! HURRY!

YES! YES!



YOU DID IT! YOU DID IT!

IT'S STILL ALIVE!

NO, DEAREST! THOSE ARE THE DEATH THROES OF ITS SEVERED NERVES! IT'S ROLLING INTO THE SEA TO DIE!



DAD, DAD! WE DID IT! WE DESTROYED THE MONSTER! THE WORLD IS SAFE!

NO.. NO! YOU...DON'T KNOW..AWFUL.. TRUTH! LISTEN...



MONSTER... CAME TO BAY.. TO HATCH EGG! IT..HATCHED... YESTERDAY! ..I.. SAW... SMALL MONSTER... ALIVE!.. FED IT.. RAW... MEAT!

A NEW MONSTER HATCHED! AND YOU GAVE IT THE TASTE OF FLESH! OH.. NO..!



THERE.. IT GOES! OUT.. TO SEA! IF.. IT COMES ... BACK ... ARGH!

DR. MORNAY! DR. MORNAY! BETH, HE .. HE IS DEAD! THE BULLET..!



DAD GAVE HIS LIFE IN VAIN, DICK! WE'VE GOT TO WARN THE WORLD!

WHO WOULD BELIEVE US, BETH? YOU SAW HOW OUR STORY WAS RECEIVED BEFORE! WHAT EVIDENCE HAVE WE NOW? THEY WON'T BELIEVE US!



LISTEN TO ME, I BEG OF YOU! THE MONSTER WILL BE BACK --SOME DAY-- SOMEWHERE! IF YOU HEAR IT IN THE NIGHT, OR SEE ITS MONSTROUS TRACKS-- RUN! RUN FOR YOUR VERY LIFE!





# CRIME CIRCUS



WHEN THE OWNER OF THE CIRCUS SHE WORKED FOR WAS FORCED TO RETIRE BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH, FUTURA, THE GREEDY, MISERLY FORTUNE TELLER, HAD THE FUNDS TO BUY IT LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL! NOW SHE WAS THE MASTER OF EVERY PERFORMER, FREAK AND ANIMAL IN IT! YES, MONEY BUYS EVERYTHING...EVEN DEATH AND A...

**CRIME CIRCUS!**

FUTURA RULED THE TROUPE WITH AN IRON HAND, BUT HER FAVORITE OBJECT OF ABUSE AND RIDICULE WAS LILLIPUT, THE MIDGET!

TINY, USELESS FREAK, MY SIDES SPLIT WITH LAUGHTER WHENEVER I LOOK DOWN UPON YOUR MISERABLE FORM! GO NOW AND PUT YOURSELF ON EXHIBITION SO ALL WHO PAY TO SEE YOU MAY ROAR WITH LAUGHTER TOO!



FUTURA'S MOCKERY FANS FLAMES OF HATRED IN LILLIPUT UNTIL THEY BURST INTO AN INFERNO OF REVENGE! HE HOLDS A SECRET MEETING IN HIS TENT WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST FROM HER TYRANNY!

SHE SITS SAFELY IN HER TENT AND RAKES IN THE SUCKERS' MONEY WHILE SOME OF YOU RISK LIFE AND LIMB TO EARN THE FEW MEASLY DOLLARS SHE GRUDGINGLY PAYS YOU! AS LONG AS SHE LIVES, WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF THIS EVIL OLD HAG!





BUT IF SHE WAS KILLED... SAY BY AN "ACCIDENT" IN THE LIONS' CAGE... I HAVE A PLAN THAT WILL MAKE US ALL RICH... BUT BEFORE I TELL YOU MORE THE OLD WITCH MUST DIE!

ALL AGREE THAT FUTURA MUST DIE! LATE THAT NIGHT BYCEPS, THE STRONG MAN, SURPRISES THE FORTUNE TELLER IN HER TENT AS SHE RAPACIOUSLY COUNTS THE DAY'S RECEIPTS!

EEEE! HELP! HELP! UGH!

YOU WON'T KICK US AROUND ANYMORE, YOU OLD CRONE!

AIEEE! NO! NO! OOOO!

SINK YOUR FANGS IN DEEP, YOU VICIOUS CATS!

WHILE THE HUNGRY LIONS DEVOUR THE HAPLESS FORTUNE TELLER, LILLIPUT AND HIS COHORTS MAKE THEMSELVES AT HOME IN HER TENT AND DIVIDE THE SPOILS!

NOW THAT WE'RE RID OF THE OLD DEMON WE CAN REALLY GO PLACES!

YEAH, BUT HOW?

LET US IN ON IT!

ALL OF US HERE HAVE UNUSUAL TALENTS... TALENTS THAT CAN PUT US ON EASY STREET FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!

PRESTO, WITH YOUR NIMBLE FINGERS YOU CAN BE THE BEST PICKPOCKET AND LOCK PICKER THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN! YOU, AGEEL, CAN SCALE THE TALLEST BUILDINGS! NO APARTMENT IS SAFE FROM YOU!

I CAN MAKE ANYTHING DISAPPEAR... INCLUDING STUFFED WALLETS!

I CAN STEAL THE TIP OFF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT!

BYCEPS, WITH YOUR GREAT STRENGTH YOU CAN BE MY BODYGUARD AND HELP THE OTHERS WHEN THEY NEED YOU!

IF ANYONE TRIES TO STOP US I'LL TWIST HIM INTO KNOTS AS I DO THIS STEEL BAR!



# WEB OF EVIL

WEAPON, WITH YOUR GUN, AND DAGGER, WITH YOUR KNIVES, CAN PULL STICKUPS...EVEN MURDERS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET RID OF SOMEONE AND ARE WILLING TO PAY A GOOD PRICE FOR THE SERVICE!

I CAN HIT THE WINGS OF A FLY, OR THE HEART OF A MAN AT 1,000 FEET!

WHEN I THROW A KNIFE IT GOES WHERE I WANT IT!



BUT THERE IS ANOTHER PRESENT AT THIS GRIM MEETING...FATE, WHO HAS A HAND IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN, GOOD OR EVIL!

EVIL MEN, YOU RECKON WITHOUT ME! I, FATE, AM EVERY MAN'S GUIDE! THE WICKED PLANS YOU MAKE WILL LEAD TO YOUR DOOM! INSTEAD OF PROFITING BY YOUR UNUSUAL TALENTS, YOU WILL ALL MEET YOUR DEATH BY THEM!



THIS MUST BE A TRICK! BYCEPS SMASH THE CRYSTAL AND SHOW FATE THAT EVEN HE IS NO MATCH FOR US!

WHAT THE...

THAT FACE!



HA! HA! DO YOU THINK THE MERE BLOW OF A FIST CAN DESTROY ME? NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO...I SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!



THE CRIME CIRCUS TRAVELS FROM CITY TO CITY LEAVING MURDER AND ROBBERY IN ITS WAKE! THEY EVADE THE POLICE AT EVERY TURN! BUT FATE IS ABOUT TO PULL THE STRINGS!



AGEEL, BENT ON A DARING MISSION OF ROBBERY, WILL BE THE FIRST TO FEEL THEIR DEADLY TUG!



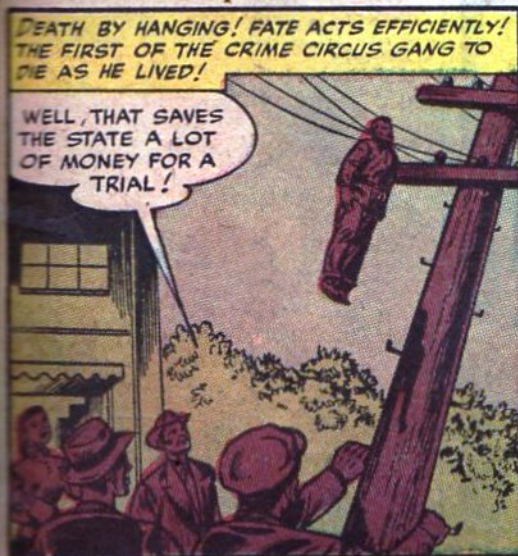
UNKNOWN TO THEM, FATE GUIDES THE EYES OF THE POLICE TO THE LAWBREAKER!

LOOK! HIGH UP... A HOUSE BREAKER!

I'VE GOT A BEAD ON HIM!







FATE NOW TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO BYCEPS AND PRESTO WHO ARE ABOUT TO MAKE ANOTHER ENTRY INTO THEIR LEDGER OF CRIME!





THE  
WEIGHT  
IS TOO  
MUCH  
FOR  
THE  
CABLE!  
IT SNAPS,  
PLUNGING  
BYCEPS  
WITH HIS  
PRECIOUS  
LOAD,  
TO HIS  
DOOM  
DOWN THE  
DEEP  
SHAFT!



PRESTO, ESCAPING DOWN THE STAIRS, ATTEMPTS TO LOSE HIMSELF IN THE CROWD... BUT OMNISCIENT FATE WALKS BY HIS SIDE!



AN OVERSTUFFED WALLET TEMPTS PRESTO TO MAKE IT HIS OWN!



ALL YOU "CLEVER" DIPS FALL FOR MY LITTLE TRAP! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!



BACK AT CRIME CIRCUS HEADQUARTERS, FATE WATCHES DAGAR PRACTICING HIS DEADLY ART!





WEAPON, THE SHARPSHOOTER, RETURNS TO HEADQUARTERS, HIS POCKETS BULGING WITH THE LOOT OF A RECENT STICKUP!



LOOK OUT!

TRUE TO ITS MARK, ACCURATE ONE!

UGH!



LILLIPUT WALKS IN ON THE GRIM SCENE! THINKING THERE'S BEEN A FIGHT, HE PICKS UP WEAPON'S PISTOL AND...

IF THERE'S ANY KILLING TO BE DONE HERE, I'LL DO IT!

NO, NO! IT WAS AN ACCID...! OHOOO!



NO ACCIDENT, MY FRIEND... I PLANNED IT THIS WAY!

AS HE HAS DONE MANY TIMES BEFORE, THE MIDGET CONCEALS HIMSELF IN A TV SET GOING OUT FOR DEMONSTRATION, THUS ENABLING HIM TO GAIN ENTREE TO MANY PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROBBING THEM!

HURRY UP! AFTER THIS JOB I'M SCRAMMING!

O.K., I'LL BEAT IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK HERE!

WHERE LILLIPUT'S GOING, NO ONE EVER RETURNS!



BUT LATE THAT NIGHT IN THE VICTIMS' APARTMENT THE CUNNING MIDGET DISCOVERS SEVERAL FLAWS IN HIS CLEVER PLAN!

OF ALL THE BLASTED LUCK! HOW'M I GETTING OUT OF THIS THING! YOU...

YES, LILLIPUT, I'M HERE, TOO! TRY PUSHING UP THERE AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT QUICKLY!



LILLIPUT FOLLOWS FATE'S INSTRUCTIONS AND SHORT CIRCUITS A WIRE... SUDDENLY HE IS TRAPPED IN A VERITABLE INFERNO AS THE TV SET BURSTS INTO FLAMES!

FATE DID THIS! BEEE! THE FLAMES! THE FLAMES! THE FL...! OOOO!

AS I DECREE, THE FLAMES WILL CONSUME YOUR EVIL FRAME! YOUR SPIRIT, AS IT TRAVELS THROUGH ETERNITY FOREVER, WILL BE TORTURED BY THE DARK DEEDS YOU COMMITTED AS A MORTAL!



THE POLICE AND FIREMEN ARRIVE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM, BUT LILLIPUT'S CHARRED BODY IS THE CLUE WHICH LEADS THEM TO THE APPREHENSION OF THE CRIMINAL TV DEALER... AND THE LAST MEMBER OF CRIME CIRCUS IS BEHIND BARS! CRIME CIRCUS BECOMES ANOTHER ENTRY IN THE ANNALS OF CRIME!

CRIME CIRCUS WAS CLEVER AND RUTHLESS BUT THEY MADE ONE MISTAKE... THEY FAILED TO INCLUDE FATE IN THEIR NEFARIOUS PLANS! I, FATE, GUIDE THE DESTINIES OF ALL MORTALS, GOOD AND EVIL... THERE IS NO ESCAPING ME!

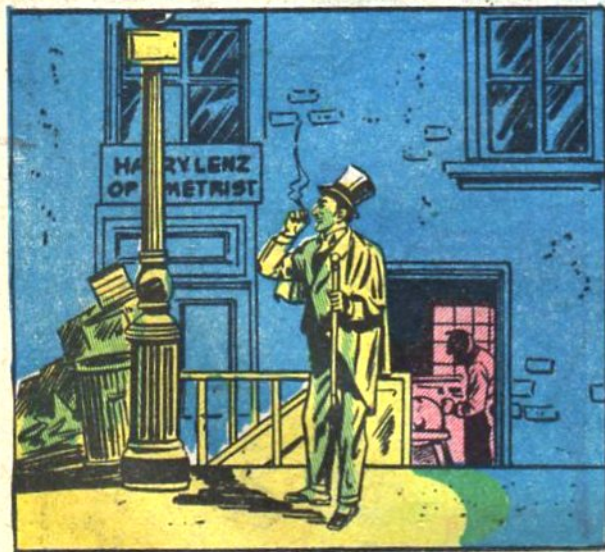
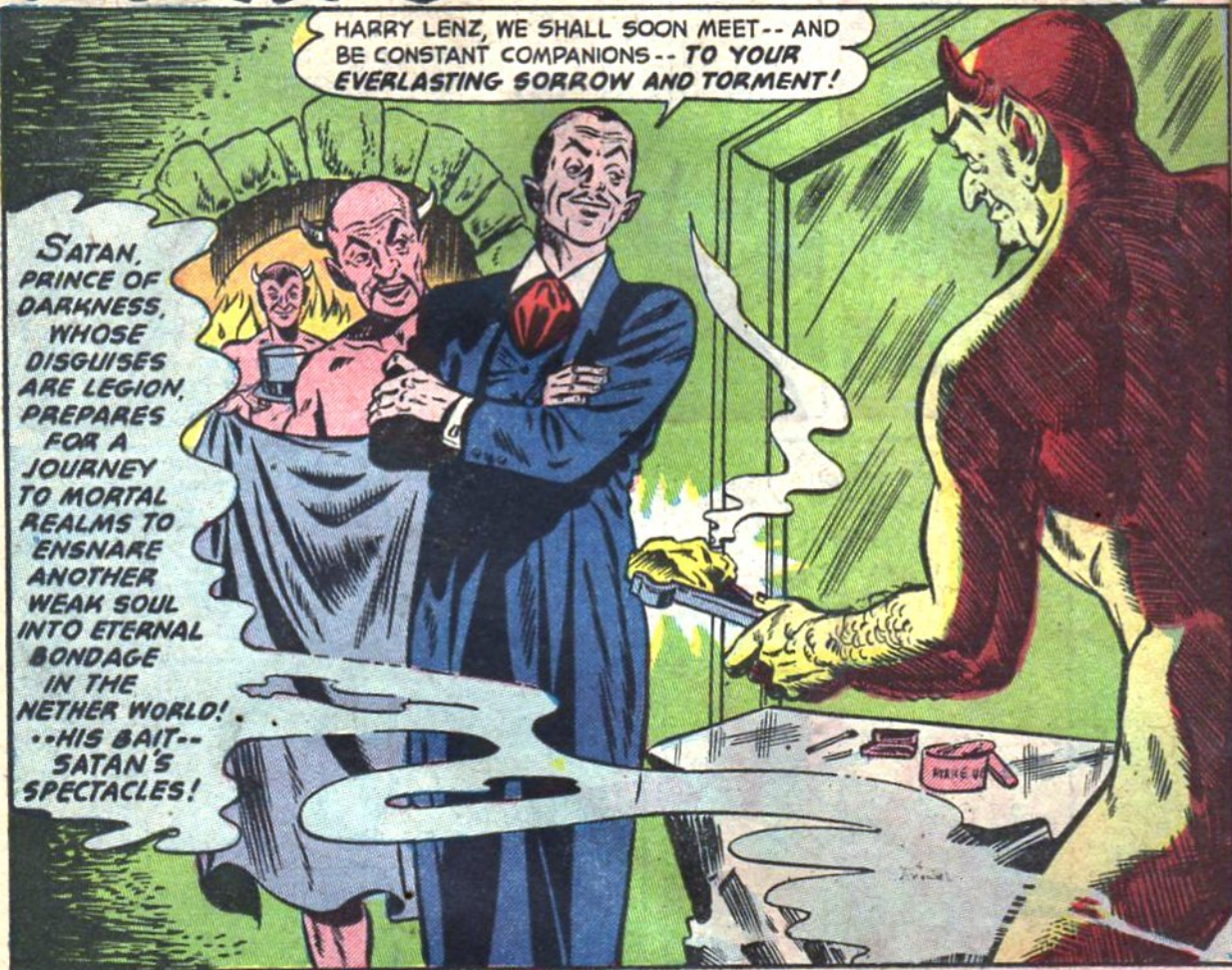




# SATAN'S SPECTACLES

HARRY LENZ, WE SHALL SOON MEET-- AND BE CONSTANT COMPANIONS-- TO YOUR EVERLASTING SORROW AND TORMENT!

SATAN, PRINCE OF DARKNESS, WHOSE DISGUISES ARE LEGION, PREPARES FOR A JOURNEY TO MORTAL REALMS TO ENSNARE ANOTHER WEAK SOUL INTO ETERNAL BONDAGE IN THE NETHER WORLD! ..HIS BAIT-- SATAN'S SPECTACLES!



I WANT A PAIR OF SPECTACLES MADE FROM THIS ACCORDING TO THIS PRESCRIPTION!

FEELS KINDA HOT, WHAT IS IT?





THAT IS NO CONCERN OF YOURS! I WILL CALL FOR THE SPECTACLES TOMORROW NIGHT!

THAT'S TOO SOON, I CAN'T HAVE THEM READY BY THEN!



I PAY WELL FOR HASTE ... THERE WILL BE MORE GOLD FOR YOU IF YOU FINISH THE JOB ON TIME!

YOU'LL HAVE THEM TOMORROW NIGHT -- OUCH! THESE ARE HOT!



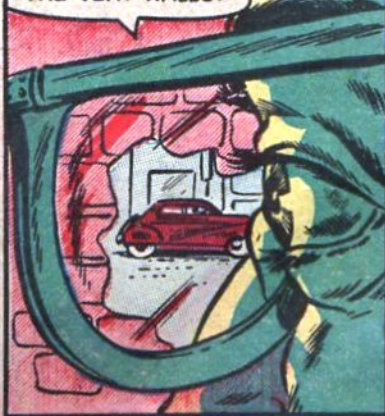
SPURRED ON BY THE THOUGHT OF MORE GOLD, THE GREEDY OPTOMETRIST WORKS FEVERISHLY THROUGH THE NIGHT!

FINISHED AT LAST! ... NOW TO TRY THEM ON!



HE DOES -- DISCOVERING THAT THEY GIVE HIM X-RAY VISION!

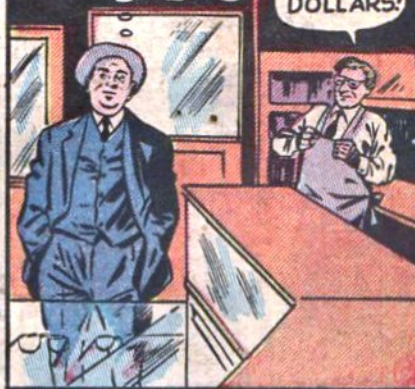
WHY - WHY I CAN SEE THROUGH THE VERY WALLS!



EVEN INTO HUMAN MINDS TO READ THEIR VERY THOUGHTS!

THAT PAIR ON THE SHELF IS JUST THE KIND I WANT!

THAT PAIR WILL COST YOU TEN DOLLARS!



FEARING THAT THE CUSTOMER HAS DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF HIS SUDDEN NEW POWER, HARRY FLIES INTO A RAGE!

W-WHY HOW-HOW DID Y-YOU KNOW? YOU READ MY MIND!

PAY ME AND GET OUT OF HERE!



EEEEEE! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE FAST!

GET OUT! GET OUT!





DETERMINED TO KEEP THE MIRACULOUS SPECTACLES, HARRY WORKS MADLY TO FASHION A DUPLICATE PAIR!

AH! YOU'VE FINISHED THEM! A MAN WILL DO ANYTHING FOR GOLD!

THANKS! I HOPE YOU WILL FIND THEM SATISFACTORY!

BUT NOT AS SATISFACTORY AS I'LL FIND THE REAL PAIR!

LATE FOR DINNER!

TOUGH DAY!

HOPE I GET A RAISE!

NEED NEW CAR!

EVERY MIND IS AN OPEN BOOK TO ME NOW!

SATAN, IN ANOTHER GUISE, SETS HIS TRAP!

THE OLD MISER WHO KEEPS HIS MONEY IN HIS ROOM AT 20 LUST STREET... HIS SOUL WILL BE MINE SOON!

HE LOOKS FAMILIAR... MONEY!-- IF I GET THERE FIRST!--

THE TRAP IS SPRUNG!-- HARRY IS NOW A MURDERER!

LAY AND ROT, OLD MISER, WHILE YOUR MONEY BEGINS A NEW LIFE FOR ME, HARRY LENZ!

HEH-HEH!

--AND I, SATAN WILL SHARE EVERY MOMENT OF IT WITH YOU!

HARRY ESCAPES ABOARD AN OCEAN LINER BOUND FOR FOREIGN SHORES... HE SPENDS DAY AFTER DAY IN THE CARD ROOM!

LUCK SEEMS TO BE WITH ME TONIGHT!

AND EVERY OTHER NIGHT AS WELL... UNTIL I, SATAN DECIDE THAT IT SHOULD CHANGE FOR THE WORSE!

ALONE IN HIS STATEROOM, HARRY GLOATS OVER HIS MOUNTING WEALTH!

AH! HOW NICE IT IS! HOW IT GROWS... AND THIS IS ONLY THE START-- WHO IS IT?

KNOCK KNOCK

WE'RE ABOUT TO DOCK, SIR! I'LL TAKE THAT BAG AND YOUR OTHER LUGGAGE --

NO YOU WON'T! KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF! I'LL CARRY IT MYSELF!



ONCE IN EUROPE, HARRY LENZ, NOW KNOWN AS HERMAN GREID, PYRAMIDS HIS FORTUNE WITH EASE! AT MONTE CARLO ...

MONSIEUR GREID, YOU HAVE UNCANNY LUCK--YOU HAVE BROKEN ZE BANK!



OH, IT'S EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW!

AT THE RACE TRACK!

YOU WIN AGAIN, MR. GREID!

I KNOW HOW TO PICK THEM!

AT THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE--

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YOU HAVE MADE AN AMAZING PROFIT!

AND A LITTLE BLACK-MAIL MIXED IN!...



HERE'S THE MONEY YOU ASK FOR--SILENCE ABOUT MY PAST!

HOW COULD HE KNOW--UNLESS HE CAN READ MY MIND!

PAY ME AND IT WILL REMAIN A SECRET!

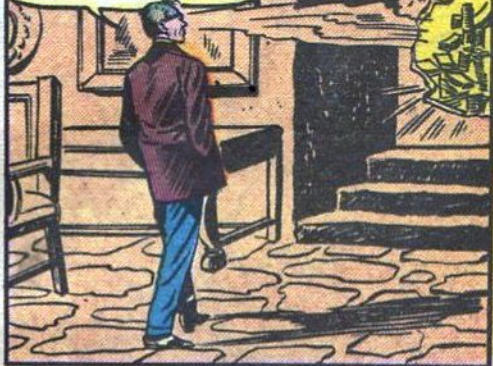
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE!

NO THOUGHT WAS SAFE FROM HERMAN GREID'S BE-SPECTACLED EYES! HE PROFITEERED FROM WHOLE-SALE BLACKMAIL AND LEFT A TRAIL OF SUICIDES AND HATE BEHIND HIM AS HIS COFFERS SWELLED WITH BLOOD-STAINED MONEY, THE PRICE OF HIS SILENCE!



YEARS OF ILL-GOTTEN GAINS HAVE GIVEN HERMAN A LUXURIOUS CASTLE AND ENRICHED HIM BEYOND MEASURE!

MY VAULTS OVERFLOW WITH WEALTH BUT I SHALL BUILD OTHERS AND FILL THEM, TOO!



BUT HE IS UTTERLY DEPENDENT ON THE SPECTACLES, SOURCE OF HIS POWER, FOR WITHOUT THEM HE GOES STONE BLIND!



WHILE DINING IN A CAFE, HERMAN MEETS SOME EXILED ROYALTY!

MR. GREID, I AM PRINCE NATAS... MAY I PRESENT KING NOMED AND HIS DAUGHTER, PRINCESS SEDAH?

DELIGHTED! A GREAT HONOR!

EVEN ROYALTY LOOKS UP TO ME!



HE WOULD BE A HANDSOME HUSBAND FOR ME!

GREID HAS A KINGLY MEIN ABOUT HIM!

A STRONG MAN WHO CAN HELP US REGAIN OUR KINGDOM!

THEY THINK WELL OF ME, ESPECIALLY THE PRINCESS! SHE SHALL BE MY WIFE!





PRINCE NATAS VISITS HERMAN AT HIS CASTLE WITH A PLAN TO INCREASE HIS WEALTH AND PRESTIGE!

ONLY YOU, FABULOUS HERMAN GREID, CAN FINANCE A REVOLUTION TO RESTORE US TO POWER!

I AM INTERESTED, BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

MONEY, POWER, ROYAL GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS IN PERPETUITY--!

AND?..

.. AND THE HAND OF PRINCESS SEDAH IN MARRIAGE WHEN WE REGAIN THE THRONE!

THEN IT'S A DEAL ... MY ENTIRE FORTUNE IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

HERMAN'S VAULTS WERE EMPTIED TO EQUIP THE ARMIES OF THE REVOLUTION!

SOON WE WILL MARCH AGAINST THE UNSURPERS!

SOON THE PRINCESS SEDAH WILL BE MINE!

WAR! CASUALTIES MOUNT AS NATA'S ARMIES GAIN VICTORY AFTER VICTORY!



BUT THE TIDE OF BATTLE SUDDENLY TURNS! AT THE REVOLUTIONISTS' FIELD HEAD-QUARTERS!

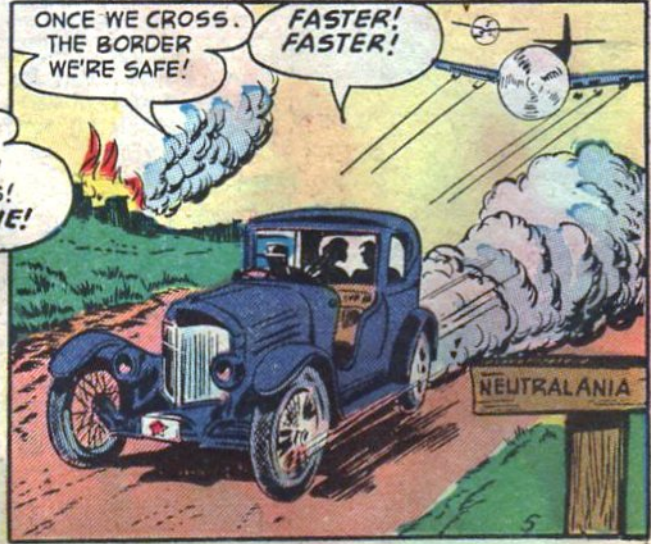
THE KING AND PRINCESS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND EXECUTED! OUR ARMIES ARE RETREATING!

ZOUNDS! WE ARE DEFEATED! WE MUST FLEE!

MY FORTUNE! MY PRINCESS! GONE!

ONCE WE CROSS THE BORDER WE'RE SAFE!

FASTER! FASTER!









A TERRIFYING METAMORPHOSIS TAKES PLACE BEFORE HERMAN GREID'S DARKENING VISION!

WHAT-WHAT DO YOU MEAN? GIVE THEM BACK .. I AM GOING BLIND!

I AM ONLY RE-CLAIMING WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE --HARRY LENZ!



HOW-HOW DO YOU KNOW MY REAL NAME? --WHY IT'S YOU!

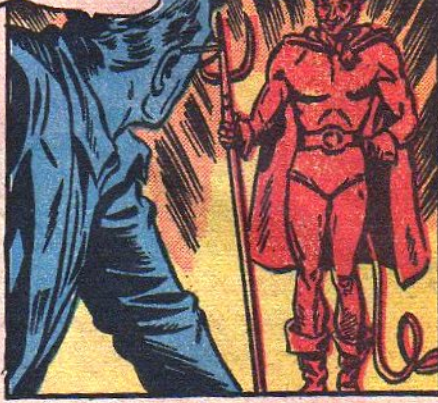
YES.. REMEMBER ME YEARS AGO WHEN I CAME TO YOUR SHOP TO HAVE A PAIR OF SPECTACLES MADE?



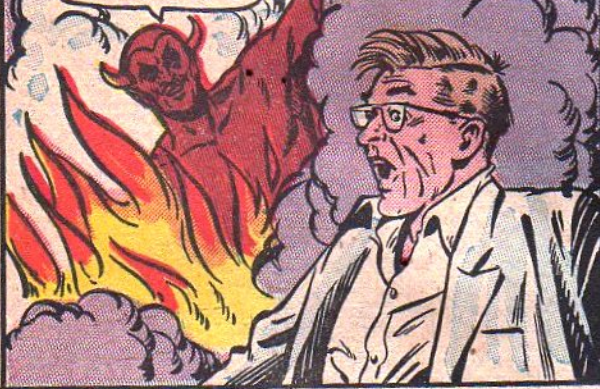
SATAN REVEALS HIMSELF IN HIS TRUE FORM!

YOU'RE--YOU'RE SATAN! OH! I'M GOING BLIND --BLIND!

YES! I'M HERE TO COLLECT PAYMENT FOR THEIR USE!



THE PRICE IS YOUR VISION!.. YOU SHALL BE BLIND FOR ALL ETERNITY! GOOD BY, HARRY LENZ ... WE SHALL MEET AGAIN IN THE NETHER WORLD!



HELP! HELP! I CAN'T SEE! SAVE ME!

.. IN THE NETHER WORLD, HARRY LENZ!!

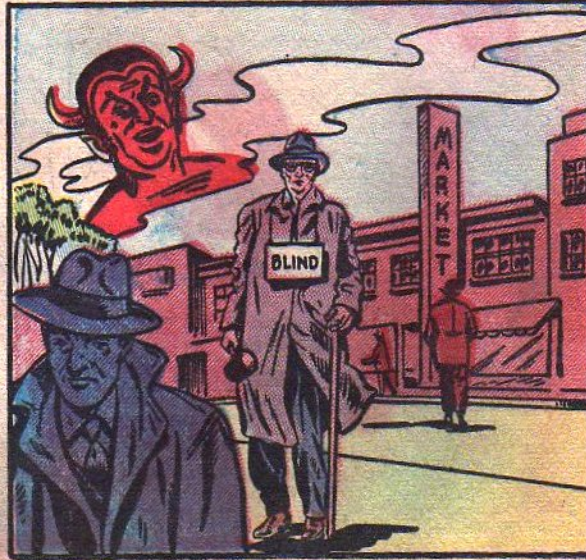


HELP! HELP! ..OHOOO!

WHAT-WHAT! IS THIS? IT FEELS LIKE A CANE!



HARRY ESCAPES THE FLAMES ONLY TO FACE A PITCH BLACK ETERNITY OF BLINDNESS! ...THE DEVIL ALWAYS GETS HIS DUE!!





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# From OUTER SPACE

A thousand witnesses saw the meteorite blaze across the night sky but only one witness saw it fall. Deep in the wilderness it flashed down and struck the shallow waters along the shore of a nameless lake. Water sprayed high in the moonlight. The lake boiled and steamed from the fierce incandescent blaze of the object, then subsided as its chill quenched the heat of friction. And only Denny Henz saw the final resting place of the Thing from Outer Space.

From the doorway of his crude shanty by the lake, the fugitive murderer watched the magnificent display and his little pig eyes gleamed with sudden cupidity. Denny was wanted by the law of a dozen cities for brutal murders, but he was not entirely an ignorant lout. Once he had gone to school and had been rated a promising pupil. That was before his lust for money turned him into a beast.

Now, watching the crashing descent of the object, he was not terrified as an ignorant man might be. "A meteorite," he muttered, "and a good-sized one to make that much splash. There are scientists who will pay \$1,000 or more for a chunk of meteorite."

Barely waiting for the boiling waters to subside, Denny went plunging out toward the spot. He was waist deep in the still-warm lake when his feet struck the rounded object under the surface. He grunted with satisfaction. "I figured the water would check its speed so it wouldn't plow right down out of sight."

Taking a deep breath he bent down, groping for the object, getting a firm grip on its oddly egg-shaped surface. With a heave, he brought it up, a little surprised that it was not heavier. He had remembered that meteorites were usually immensely heavy for their size.

Clutching the stone-like object, he stumbled back to his shanty and stirred up the fire at one end for light. There was no danger of being discovered. Only in hunting season did anyone invade this trackless wilderness of the north.

"It looks like an egg," Denny thought, "but a funny kind of black egg." His hands caressed the surface, pitted and glazed from the heat of its plunge through thickening air. A queer, unreasoning chill touched his spine but he laughed it off. "I'll set my egg by the fire to hatch while I wait for word from my mouthpiece that it's safe to go back to civilization."

A week passed, with the air growing steadily cooler with advancing fall. Denny kept his fire high and the great black egg absorbed heat day and night. He warmed its hands on it, one night, but jerked them away. For a moment he could have sworn that he felt a stir of movement within the rock. Then he laughed at his own reaction. "Nerves, that's all. I gotta get back to the city. I got plans for a big haul."

The snapping sound awoke him from sleep that night. He sat up sharply, eyes widening, then bulging. The egg had cracked. It lay in rounded fragments now, and in the center of the debris sat the ugliest, most horrifying creature he had ever beheld. It was like nothing on earth, like nothing in the wildest imaginings of man. But it was evil, incredibly evil, and horribly alive. It spat at him when he sobbed in terror and snakelike tentacles squirmed out, reaching, seeking with a kind of obscene hunger.

"No," Denny screamed and tried to scramble away from the Thing that had hatched from the egg. A tentacle caught his ankle, clinging like a hot wire, sending stabs of agony through him. Then other tentacles lashed out and caught.

He screamed, then, but only once. "Help! Help me . . . Aghhh!"

There were no ears to hear him, for he had chosen his hideout far from man. There were no eyes to see when the hideous Thing, its appetite sharpened but not whetted, reared up above the bones it had stripped. It sniffed the air, then turned unerringly south, toward civilization, toward cities — toward people.

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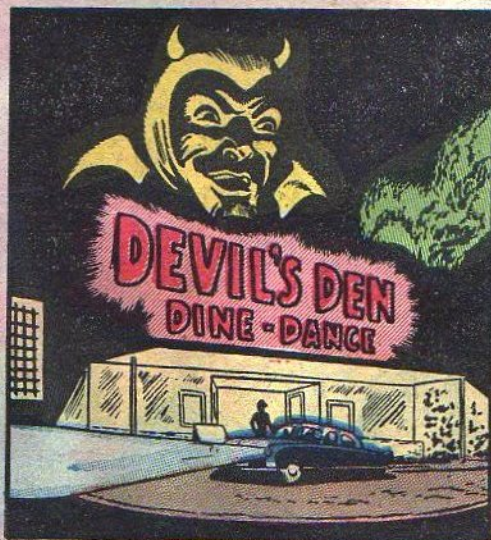
WEB OF EVIL

# Dance of DEATH

"DANCE!" SCREAMED THE FRIGHTFUL FIGURE OF DEATH! "DANCE WITH MY LOVELY PARTNER!" THE FETID STENCH OF THE GRAVE CHOKED JOHN DRUNE'S QUIVERING NOSTRILS...THE SOBBING WAIL OF THE DEAD MARCH THROBBED IN HIS EARS... AND HE KNEW AT LAST THAT THE MOULDERING HORROR IN HIS ARMS WAS HELEN, THE GIRL HE HAD DOOMED TO SHRIEK OUT HER VIBRANT LIFE IN A LAST, HELLISH... DANCE OF DEATH!



TO  
MORBID,  
THRILL-  
HUNGRY  
NIGHT  
CLUB  
CROWDS,  
THE DEVIL'S  
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OFFERED  
NEW  
SENSATIONS  
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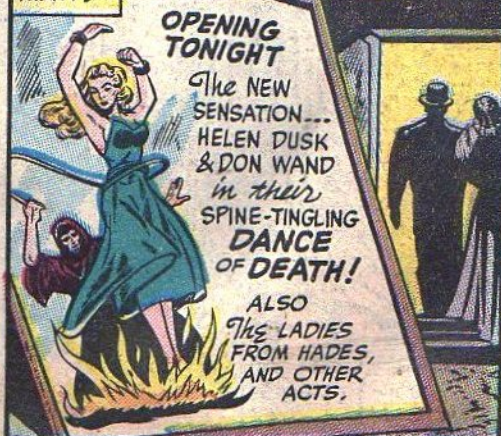


WHATEVER ELSE THEY SAID OF JOHN DRUNE, THE OWNER, HE ALWAYS PRESENTED STARTLINGLY DIFFERENT ENTERTAINMENT!

## OPENING TONIGHT

THE NEW  
SENSATION...  
HELEN DUSK  
& DON WAND  
in their  
SPINE-TINGLING  
DANCE  
OF DEATH!

ALSO  
THE LADIES  
FROM HADES,  
AND OTHER  
ACTS.





GOLD WAS JOHN DRUNE'S GOD AND HIS WORSHIP OF MONEY, HAD LURED HIM FAR ALONG DARK AND SINISTER PATHS OF EVIL!

WHAT? A HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIREPROOF ONE DANCE DRESS? YOU'RE CRAZY! I WON'T PAY IT!



WHY SHOULD I? IF HELEN DANCES THE WAY SHE'S SUPPOSED TO, SHE WON'T EVEN GET NEAR THE FLAMES! I'LL BE \$100 AHEAD AND NOBODY THE WISER!



HERE'S THE DRESS, HELEN, ALL FIRE-PROOFED! BUT KEEP AWAY FROM THE FLAMES, ANYHOW! WE DON'T WANT IT SCORCHED! IT'S EXPENSIVE!

OF COURSE, MR. DRUNE! BUT WHEN DON WHIRLS ME WITH HIS WHIP, I CAN'T ALWAYS TELL EXACTLY WHERE I AM! I'LL DO MY BEST!



That NIGHT...

LOOK AT THAT CROWD! I'LL REALLY CLEAN UP TONIGHT... AND NO MONEY WASTED ON NONSENSE LIKE FIREPROOFING A DANCE DRESS!



SUDDENLY, AT THE CLIMAX OF THE WEIRD, CHILLING DANCE...

LOOK OUT! THE FLAME...



EEEEEE!

HELEN!

THE FOOL! THAT DRESS COST \$250!



IT WAS DON WAND WHO SPRANG TO SMOTHER THE FLAMES, BUT ALREADY HER SHRIEKS OF ANGUISH HAD DIED AWAY!



SHE CAN'T LAST! THE FLAME WENT INTO HER LUNGS!

JOHN! JOHN... DRUNE...!







YOU...TRICKED ME...LIED! YOU...KILLED ME! BUT...I'LL PAY...YOU... BACK! I'LL... HAVE...REVENGE! AHHHH!

YOU DIRTY, MURDERING RAT!



I HEARD WHAT SHE SAID! YOU LIED ABOUT FIREPROOFING HER DRESS! YOU KILLED HER... BUT I'LL KILL YOU!

AGH-AGH!



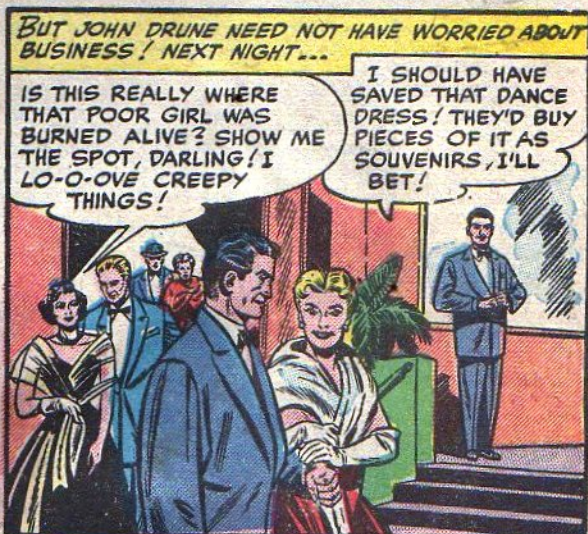
I'LL KILL YOU... KILL YOU!

HERE, HERE NOW! MR DRUNE WASN'T TO BLAME! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I SAW IT HAPPEN MYSELF!

TH-THANKS, OFFICER! THIS IS A HORRIBLE SHOCK!



WHAT IF THIS DRIVES AWAY BUSINESS? A NASTY THING LIKE THIS COULD RUIN ME!



BUT JOHN DRUNE NEED NOT HAVE WORRIED ABOUT BUSINESS! NEXT NIGHT...

IS THIS REALLY WHERE THAT POOR GIRL WAS BURNED ALIVE? SHOW ME THE SPOT, DARLING! I LO-O-OVE CREEPY THINGS!

I SHOULD HAVE SAVED THAT DANCE DRESS! THEY'D BUY PIECES OF IT AS SOUVENIRS, I'LL BET!

HOURS LATER, WHEN THE DEVIL'S DEN HAS CLOSED AND THE LAST HELP GONE FOR THE NIGHT!

AHH, THAT BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL MONEY! NOW I CAN SIT DOWN AND REALLY ENJOY MY GORGEOUS PROFITS! I SHOULD HAVE MORE ACCIDENTS TO DRAW THE CROWDS!

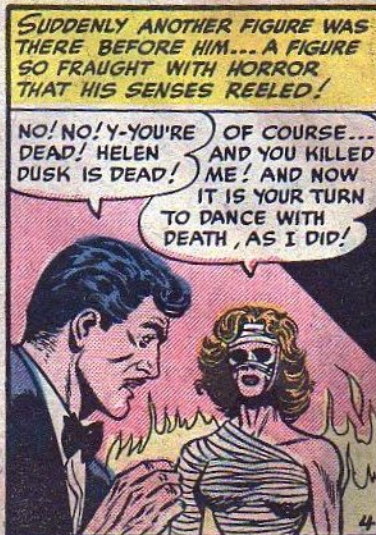


LOOK AT THOSE LOVELY BILLS... EEEAAHHH!



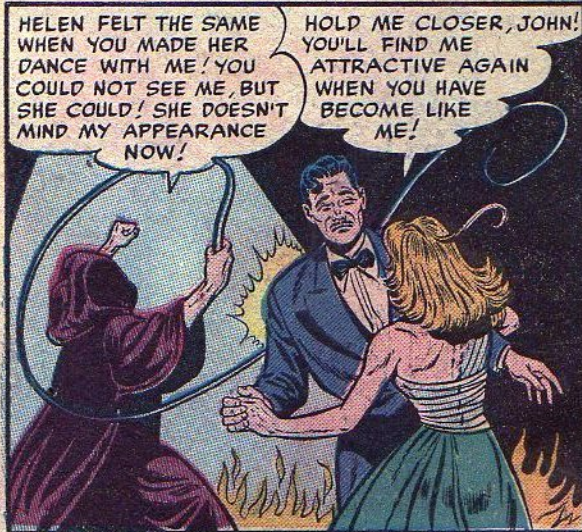


*The GRAVE-STENCH WAS CHOKING, THE RELENTLESS GRIP OF SKELETON HANDS LIKE IRON! STILL JOHN DRUNE CLUNG TO A SHRED OF SANITY!*





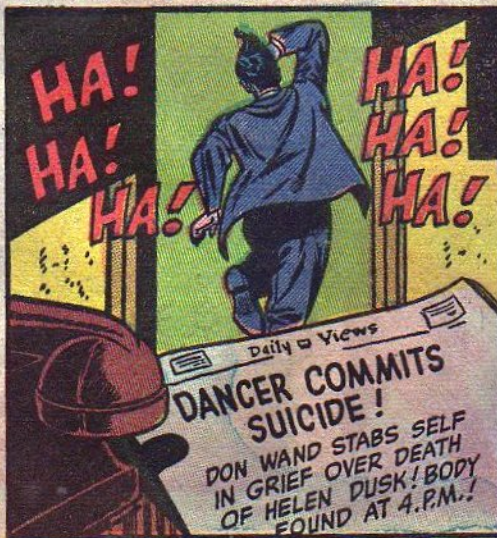
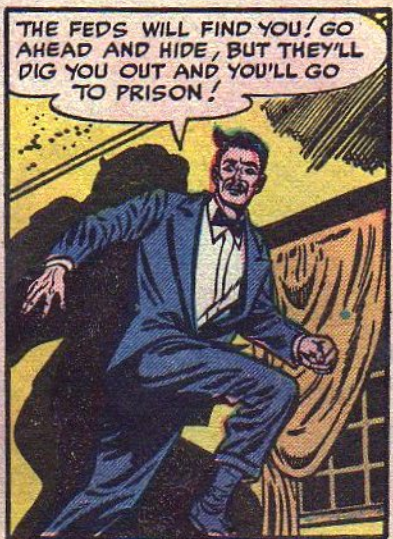
The ORCHESTRA STRUCK UP THE CHILLING STRAINS OF THE DEAD MARCH! JOHN DRUNE WAS CAUGHT IN A GRIP OF IRON, WHIRLED THROUGH THE MACABRE MEASURES OF THE DANCE!



AFTER AN ETERNITY, THE SOBBING STRAINS OF MUSIC DIED! FROM THE SHADY TABLES CAME THE CLATTER OF BONY HANDS APPLAUDING!







JOHN DRUNE WAS STILL SCREAMING WITH THE LAUGHTER OF MADNESS WHEN THE POLICE BROKE INTO THE DEVIL'S DEN AT DAWN!





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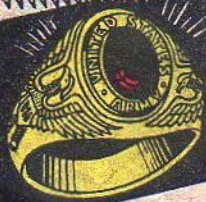
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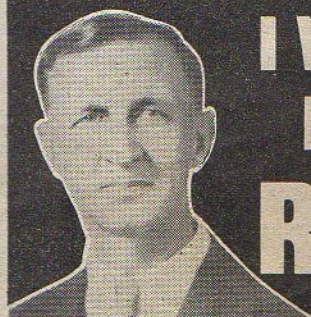


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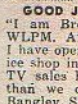
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